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DEPT FOR SCA/RA ATTN: JOSEPH BRENNIG

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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING FOR NEAR EAST-SOUTH ASIA ALUMNI SEMINAR, APRIL 2008

¶1. This is an action request. See para three.

¶2. The following candidates have been selected for participation in the Near East-South Asia Alumni Seminar to be held in Athens, Greece, from April 6-9, 2008. Post vetting was completed on March 11, 2008. Post requests that vetting be completed by March 25, 2008, to provide sufficient time for processing. Post requests the department conduct Leahy vetting for the following candidates:

Name: Abul Hossain  
Rank: Brigadier General  
Unit: Army HQ  
Unit Location: Dhaka  
Personal Number: BA-2178  
Date of Birth: March 15, 1962  
Place of Birth: Patuakhali, Bangladesh

Name: Abu Md Shafayat Hossain  
Rank: Lt. Colonel  
Unit: DGFI  
Unit Location: Dhaka  
Personal Number: BA-3225  
Date of Birth: January 1, 1966  
Place of Birth: Chittagong, Bangladesh

Name: Shahjahan Sarker  
Rank: Air Commodore  
Unit: DGFI  
Unit Location: Dhaka  
Personal Number: BA-7044  
Date of Birth: June 30, 1953  
Place of Birth: Comilla, Bangladesh

¶3. Post requests that the Department of State authorize post to make the following statement to the relevant DOD units:  
"Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above named individual or unit."

¶4. Post Human Rights Officer is Luke Zahner, unclass e-mail:zahnerlv@state.gov.

¶5. COMMENT: Embassy has no information to indicate this individual or any unit he has served in has been involved in gross violations of human rights.  
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